

Judge H. A. Pearce Dies In Dothan From Auto Injuries; Was Well Known In Coffee

DOOTHAN, Oct. 29.—Judge H. A. Pearce, who developed double pneumonia after his injury Friday night by a hit and run driver, died at a local infirmary at 12:25 o'clock this afternoon. He never emerged from the coma into which he sank.

At the age of 78, Judge Pearce presided over the 29th judicial circuit, a bench which he had graced for nearly 30 years, and was recognized as one of Alabama's ablest jurists. Prior to his election to the bench, Judge Pearce twice served as mayor of Dothan in 1899, and for the term 1900-01. There was opposition to Judge Pearce for the bench only twice, during the 20 years he had served and he was elected in the last campaign to another term.

Born near Milton, Fla., March 1, 1861, Henry Alton Pearce was educated in the Abbeville, Alabama, public schools and practiced law in Abbeville, Columbia, and Dothan. He first was elected judge of the circuit in 1904 and again in 1910. He was elected in 1916, 1922, 1928 and 1934.

During his tenure on the bench, he presided over some of the most sensational criminal trials in the

judicial history of this section; his decisions in civil cases whenever taken to higher courts on appeal almost invariably were sustained. Mentions, as word of Judge Pearce's death spread, authorities redoubled efforts to locate the hit and run driver whose car crashed a traffic light at Troy and Ochs street Friday night, knocked the aged jurist for more than 20 feet and sped away.

Had it not been for development of the pneumonia affliction, Judge Pearce likely would have recovered, assisted by his stamina, remarkable in a man of his age. He is survived by one brother, E. A. Pearce, of Headland.

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the home of N. H. McCallum on Ochs street, with burial following in Abbeville cemetery.

News of the passing of Judge Henry A. Pearce was received with deep regret by hundreds of Coffee County citizens. Judge Pearce was well known throughout the county, having formerly presided over the Circuit Court of this district, when the district included a number of counties in Southeast Alabama.

CLIFTON WALDEN SUCCUMBS AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Clifton Walden, 24 years of age, passed away at his home near Elba last Saturday, October 27th, after an extended illness from tuberculosis.

He was a son of the late J. M. Walden and Mrs. Lugenia Walden and was born and raised in Coffee County. Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, Milton and J. P. Walden; four sisters: Mrs. Eliza Prescott, Mrs. M. E. Brunson, Misses Cyle and Estelle Walden.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. B. S. Franklin and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. The funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Y. W. A. MET MONDAY NIGHT WITH MISS WINDHAM

The Young Women's Auxiliary met Monday evening at the home of Miss Ann Montgomery. Mrs. B. S. Franklin directed the program. The devotional was conducted by Miss Almeta Jennings. Mrs. Franklin gave an interesting talk on "Church Music". Prayer was led by Mrs. Franklin, followed by a paper, "Shall We Let Them Struggle Alone?" by Miss Windham. An article on "Stewardship" was read by Miss Evelyn Johnson.

After a short business session the Auxiliary program was conducted by the Watchword, given in unison.

The next meeting will be held with Miss Laura Johnson at the home of Mrs. Sam B. Young.

METHODIST WOMEN MEET WITH MRS. RINGSDORF

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf Monday afternoon for the conclusion of their study of "Orientals in American Life". An outline of the book was presented in a most unique and attractive way.

Misses Vencie Bryan, Allice Smith, Dorothy Murphree, Marjorie Murphree and Rosa Pat Rainer, Lamar Rainer, Jr., and Marshall Ringsdorf, Jr., were dressed in native costumes, representing the Orientals, and contributed largely to the interesting and educational study.

Mrs. Ringsdorf and Mrs. Lamar Rainer gave the concluding chapter and their diligence in presenting the study in such an interesting manner is greatly appreciated.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Rainer, served tea and cakes to nine members.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett and Mrs. Wesley Harris attended the funeral of Mrs. W. L. Hilliard in Troy Monday afternoon.

Dorsey Sez:

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SAFE DRIVING THIS WINTER?

Winter, with its cold, rainy days and slippery roads, will be here soon. Every motorist should check up carefully on his tire equipment. Come in and let us show you the famous GOODYEAR G-3 TIRE. Put on a set today and be safe for Winter driving.

We open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

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About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

W.M.U. DISTRICT CONVENTION AT ENTERPRISE NEXT TUES.

The Southeastern District Baptist Church Sunday night, sponsored by the Enterprise Baptist Church next Tuesday, November 6. Eleven counties comprise this district and it is expected that the attendance will be large. Some outstanding speakers are on the program, among them being two Foreign Missionaries. These addresses alone will be well worth the attention of Baptists and others throughout this section. The complete program is given below:

9:30—Hymn, Prayer.
Welcome—Mrs. Rose Watson, Enterprise.

Response—Mrs. E. M. Shackelford, Troy.

Recognition of Visitors and Missionaries.

9:40—Devotional—Miss Kathleen Malory, Birmingham.

10:00—Organizations.
Announcements.

10:10—Report of Associational Superintendents.

Alabama-Crenshaw—Mrs. F. J. Fleming, Laverne.

Bullock-Centennial—Mrs. H. B. Tompkins, Fitzpatrick.

Coffee—Mrs. Rowe Watson, Enterprise.

Columbia—Mrs. G. H. Malone, Dothan.

Covington—Mrs. Henry Josey, Opp.

Dale—Mrs. Lester Head, Ozark.

Etowah—Mrs. W. C. Henon, Louisville.

Geneva—Mrs. G. W. Griffin, Geneva.

Julson—Mrs. R. K. Stokes, Abbeville.

Montgomery—Mrs. Eva W. Grant, Montgomery.

Salmon-Troy—Mrs. J. C. Hill, Troy.

10:45—Hymn.
Report of District Officers.

Missionary Study Chairman—Mrs. B. L. McLendon, Dothan.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. A. G. Spinks, Midland City.

Scholarship Chairman—Mrs. R. C. Comer, Enterprise.

White Cross Chairman—Mrs. C. Bennett, Dothan.

Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. J. O. Bledsoe, Brantley.

Margaret Field Chairman—Mrs. J. B. Bell, Montgomery.

Press Correspondent—Mrs. H. P. Griffin, Brundage.

Treasurer—Mrs. A. D. Matthews, Ozark.

11:10—Hymn.
Report of Young People's Work.

Mrs. Joseph Ayer, Prattville.

Alabama-Crenshaw—Mrs. Levi Jayne, Brantley.

Bullock-Centennial—Mrs. Wm. Lawrence, Union Springs.

Coffee—Mrs. J. D. Willis, New Brockton.

Columbia—Mrs. C. C. Martin, Ashford.

Covington—Mrs. W. I. Miller, Andalusia.

Dale—Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Ozark.

Etowah—Mrs. C. T. Hunter, Etowah.

Geneva—Mrs. A. B. McDowell, Geneva.

Julson—Miss Ethel Bond, New Brockton.

Montgomery—Mrs. S. L. Solomon, Montgomery.

Salmon-Troy—Mrs. Deal Thompson, Troy.

Address—Miss Eva Berry, Montgomery.

11:40—Special Music.
Address—Dr. Jeannette Beall, Leichow-Fu, China.

12:10—Adjourn.
Announcements.

1:30—Report of special committees.
Registration.

Place of Meeting.
Nominating.

Miscellaneous Business.

1:50—Hymn.
Address—Dr. W. H. Carson, Africa.

2:25—Hymn.
Address—Miss Kathleen Malory, Birmingham.

3:00—Adjourn.

WILLIAM ROBERT KING

William Robert King, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. King, passed away at the home of his parents in the Pine Level community last Friday, October 26th. He had been suffering from diabetes and had been ill for two years.

Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers and sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jack Mitchell at Pine Level on Saturday and burial was in the church cemetery. Elba Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

"I have in mind Mr. G. W. Blackmon, who makes daily trips from Elba to Dothan in a small Ford car, making a bare living from carrying The Dothan Eagle from Dothan to Elba and intermediate points and picking up a dollar or two extra per day for delivering packages. Mr. Blackmon has carried numerous persons to hospitals without compensation and I happen to know of one woman, together with members of her family, who has been carried to a Dothan hospital no less than seven times without one cent of remuneration. Besides that, he got out and raised about \$30

to pay her hospital bill and also went down into his pocket and loaned the family money. I am sure that Mr. Blackmon is too modest to allow me to mention his sacrificial acts in this column if he knew beforehand that I intended doing so, but I am taking the liberty of taking him unawares and letting Clipper readers know about some of the good deeds he has been doing. Such acts will surely receive their reward.

SUCCESSFUL TRIP.—W. K. Farris returned Sunday evening from a three-weeks business trip to Orlando and other Florida points, representing the Dorsey Trailers. Mr. Farris reports a very successful trip, taking orders for a number of the popular trailers. He says Florida has an unusually heavy citrus fruit crop, which beginning to move quite freely at good prices. He said that when he passed through Marianna he found the city policed by National Guardsmen who would not allow motorists to stop. Excessive incident to the revenue mob rule had mostly died down, but the authorities were taking no chance on race trouble flaring up again.

BANKING COLLECTIONS.—John Ellis, West Elba's efficient blacksmith, sawmill man and what-not, acts like a re-born man since he has added scientific collecting to his other accomplishments. Mr. Ellis says he has always been able to get plenty of work but his new method of collecting kept him continually "hard for cash." But things are different now. He recently connected a unique system of collecting accounts all his own. He is the proud possessor of a bank account now.

CRACKED RIB.—Little Roger, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Murphree, suffered a cracked rib while playing ball in Enterprise last Saturday. Dr. Hayes taped up the offending bone and no further trouble has been experienced by the little fellow. But, oh, my! what a time his mother has had in preventing Roger from having the icky bandage removed and so little to do along this line.

MAMMOTH WHISTLE.—The J. L. Morrow & Sons gin is equipped with one of the largest whistles to be found in South Alabama. The whistle has quite a history. "Uncle Joe" Morrow says that several years ago a Mr. Moore of River Falls, but Mr. Moore died complete samvills in the state at that time. Mr. Moore's son, Mr. Moore, was displayed in the library by Mrs. Gordon Prescott and Mrs. Debatia Blocker. During the afternoon popular selections were played by Miss Annie Laurie Blanton and Mrs. L. Farris. Mrs. Riark, the honoree, was one of the guests. The table was covered with the punch bowl embedded in Queen's wreath and fern. Servings and assisting with decorations were Misses Nell Ham Walker, Jeanette Ham and Eleanor Lee. Gifts were displayed in the library by Mrs. Gordon Prescott and Mrs. Debatia Blocker. During the afternoon popular selections were played by Miss Annie Laurie Blanton and Mrs. L. Farris. Mrs. Riark, the honoree, was one of the guests. 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